



PAFRA

Pilots and Friends of Rochester Airport

As I have done for the past 22 years, I am organising another PAFRA Summer tour. By popular request, we are going in the SECOND week of July. This year to:

Berlin, Potsdam & Dresden.

As before, the trip is arranged in easy stages so pilots/planes can join us for whatever period they like: There is no obligation to do the whole trip. Likewise, although an outline programme is proposed, everyone is entirely free to use their time as they wish.

The trip, as always, is not restricted to pilots/planes from Rochester/Lydd; but is open to all.

Help & assistance is offered for those unfamiliar with 'Going foreign'.

Berlin,
Potsdam
& Dresden
Monday – Sunday
10th – 16th July 2023

Accommodation:

The two hotels I suggest we use belong to the **Accor Group**. They operate a policy of allowing **cancellation up to 19.00 on the day of arrival** - a very useful practicality for pilots.

Berlin: (Monday night - Friday morning 10-14 July)

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PILOTS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN DIRECT BOOKINGS FOR ACCOMMODATION

OUR THREE VENUES



The Brandenburg Gate, Berlin



The Sanssouci Palace, Potsdam



Semper Opera House, Dresden

Berlin City

Many consider Berlin as the most dynamic city of Europe. This will be our venue for the first three days/four nights, allowing us plenty of time to relax, explore and dine together. There is so much to see & do in Berlin! [See suggestions overleaf.]

During our time in Berlin there is a *possible day out*: Although **Potsdam** is a relatively small city it has numerous architectural gems that are worth discovering e.g. *The Sanssouci Palace* (frequently compared to *The Palace of Versailles*). The S-Bahn from Berlin takes approximately 40 minutes.

Dresden: With its pleasant location on the Elbe, its Baroque-style architecture and numerous world-renowned museums and art collections, it has been called "*Elbflorenz*" ('Florence on the Elbe').

Suggested Programme

Monday 10 July

Leave Rochester/Lydd 09.30L to *Muenster* EDDG either DCT or via KONAN, KOK. 2½ flight

Lunch at *Muenster* Airport (13.00L)

14.30L Fly to Berlin *Strausberg* EDAY (considered the best GA airfield for Berlin) 2½ flight



The nearby *Strausberg-Nord* S-Bahn station can be reached on foot in a few minutes. From there it is a direct connection (20 mins) to our hotel in *Alexanderplatz*

19.00 Group Meal in hotel

Tuesday - Friday: 11 - 14 July

SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO!

The following suggestions will involve about ½ day each:

The Brandenburg Gate - a postcard moment

Take coffee *Unter den Linden*

The Reichstag Building with *Norman Foster's* development

Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

The Topography of Terror

The Tiergarten (+ Sandwich lunch?)

Window shopping & lunch in The Food Hall in *KaDeWe*

Department store (simply amazing)

The Berliner Dom

Berlin Zoo (the best in the world)

Checkpoint Charlie Museum

1.30pm Wednesday/Thursday: *English* Tour of *Tempelhof Flughafen*

[Because finding a restaurant that will take a large group all together is difficult, on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday we will dine with friends on the tour]

During our time in Berlin we can organise, if there is a demand, a Day Trip to **Potsdam** travelling via the S-Bahn to visit Frederick the Great *Sans Souci Palace*

Friday 14 July

A.M.: Last chance to see Berlin

Early afternoon: return to Berlin *Strausberg* and fly to **Dresden** EDDC (50 mins).



At Dresden airport, the railway is located in the basement. The S2 suburban line goes direct to Dresden *Hauptbahnhof*. The journey takes 21 minutes. It is then a 4 min walk to our hotel. We will eat in the evening nearby (t.b.a.).

Saturday 15 July

All Day to explore/enjoy Dresden:

Frauenkirche Dresden

The Dresden Zwinger

Green Vault

Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister

Semper Opera House (Semperoper)

7.00pm Group Meal in/near our hotel (t.b.a.)

Sunday 16 July

Leave Dresden at 10.30L to fly to

Moenchengladbach EDLN (2 hrs) for lunch at airport

Early afternoon: Fly to Rochester EGTO/Lydd (1½ hrs)

Do contact me if you need further information or are interested in coming – I can then add you to the WhatsApp Group link for the trip which will keep you updated.

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